



Eagle Mountain Middle PAC General Meeting
Tuesday, October 12, 2021
7:00pm held via Zoom

Attendance:

Administration/Teachers

Darren Macmillan Kirsten Paterson Wendy Chen Simon Kwok

PAC Executive

Lisa Cable (Co-Chair) Katie Golbey (Vice Chair)
Shannon von Richter (Treasurer) Nicole Neuman (Secretary)
Diane MacSporran (Co-Chair)

Parents (email list in separate file)

Meagan Jill Catherine Erin
Rebekah Yerika Michelle

Student Guest

Amelia

Meeting was called to order by Lisa C at 7:02pm.

1. Welcome – Lisa C
 - Lisa introduced the PAC – Diane/Lisa, Katie, Shannon, Katie, Sie, Leo/Marcella, Janine,
2. Approval of the Agenda
 - Katie motions to approve the agenda; Erin seconded the motion; all were in favour. The motion carried.
3. Adopt minutes from , 2021
 - Diane motions to adopt the minutes of the meeting held by Zoom on Tuesday, September 21st, 2021; Katie seconded the motion; all were in favour. The motion carried.
4. Mr Kwok:
 - Very thankful for what PAC has given the library
 - Shared photos of library showing new shelves, new materials, planks, Legos, 3D printer filaments
 - Will again be supporting the math contest; last time were more than 56 kids in the Gauss contest. He is hoping to have more students in this year’s math contest.

(Note - There were actually 2 math contests held last year; Math League Contest and Gauss Math Contest from the University of Waterloo as supplemented after the meeting by Diane)

- Shared some photos of the library during lunch and nut break, showing students playing board games, wearing masks, etc
- Commented that the kids are using the Makerspace materials
- Loves seeing kids coming in!
- The kids are really into Rubik's Cubes; he is hoping to get more
- Hoping to start up the Minecraft club again; last year was virtual after school
 - The students can do Scholastic e-forts with Minecraft education
 - He needs a tech crew to help other teachers and classroom kids with various tech issues
 - Library crew
- For Scholastic Book Fair:
 - We are allowed to have an in-person scholastic book fair for students only; and a virtual one for parents
 - Mr Kwok will need help with the in-person part of it
 - It runs Nov 22-30
 - The online-purchased materials will be consolidated and will be received before Christmas
 - The Ad graphics and information will be posted on our facebook page

Ms Chen

- She introduced Amelia from Gr 7 who is a student leader
 - Amelia introduced the Thunderbird Ambassadors
 - They organize assemblies, create posters
 - The aim is to create a positive school atmosphere and bring school together
 - Support local and global community ie Christmas hampers
 - Help organize the Terry Fox assembly with a tech crew and a set up crew
 - Run spirit weeks 3x/yr; the 1st one is done with different daily themes; everyone who dresses up gets a spirit point.
 - Food drive a couple times per year
 - Christmas hampers for 10 families at Christmas
 - Candy grams to supplement hampers
 - Book fair involvement
 - Involved with special events like Truth & Reconciliation Day, Orange shirt day, and pink shirt day
 - T-shirts made on Mr Kwok's machine
 - Make posters for different initiatives
 - Give morning announcements
 - Meet every Thursday at lunch in the library; everyone is welcome. If a student has a conflict, they can still join and help out with posters etc
 - Amelia's hopes and dreams for the Ambassador's Club:
 - Have ambassador t-shirts made to bring them together as leadership team
 - Hoping to do an open house again

- Hoping to do the famine in the new year, which is a global initiative
- Hoping to do the WE initiative: We are Silent to raise awareness of child labour – students commit to not speaking for the day. The club makes posters to advertise this initiative which is for kids who cannot not speak up for themselves
- Hoping for a spring dance
- Promoting citizenship awareness – be aware of what we post
- Ms Chen remarks that there are more than 60 students on Thursdays who attend the club and it feels so much more like normal
- Parents: If you have any other ideas for Ambassadors Club, please send them to the school with your kids; would love to have parental input!
- She hopes to get other teachers involved in the club
- All ideas are entertained. For example, last year, a student outside of the club thought to put announcements on the in-house TV monitor and now a joke or an announcement is displayed there
- We are into Cross Country Club with Kate Zubik and Wendy BRINGS UP THE REAR (literally)
 - There are 2 meeting per week: Monday at 8am and Thursday after school.
 - Jane (a grade 11 student) leads the group through the trails
 - Cross Country will wrap up likely end of October due to weather.
 - May hold a meet with EMM people only

5. Admin Report - Darren & Kirsten

- Darren:
 - September was crazy and full of energy, but we got through the month
 - Added some extra-curricular activities
 - Did a spirit week
 - Made 2000 pancakes over 3 mornings during Spirit Week
 - Terry Fox run
 - Orange Shirt Day
 - Staff was exhausted in a good way
 - Settling in now and getting down to working
 - Making good connections with the kids and getting through the month in a positive way
 - Balance between doing things and the safety piece is always a challenge; there will be a time we don't worry about safety
 - Library has capacity at the moment of 75 people; we are following the rules and practicing safety
 - Classrooms are sacred spaces where only kids of that class can enter
 - COVID vaccinations are opening up for ages 5-12
 - The vaccinations at the school are the usual vaccinations, not COVID
 - Vaccination passports: The school has no role. We welcome kids and staff by following protocols that we have, regardless of their immunization status
 - 2 initiatives

- Reading assessment with almost every student in the school so that teachers can get together to see how students are doing. Darren & Kirsten are sitting in classes with 2 other staff members to assess how kids are reading. They are looking at not just how they read, but what do they like to read, and what have they done.
 - Math assessments – not a test – taking a look at understanding where a student should be in grades 6/7/8. The assessment looks at weaknesses and strengths to see where the goals should be focused for the rest of the year.
 - MDI for Grade 8's
 - Information to come out in next 2 weeks – looking at the well-being of students
 - Tested the grade 8's last year, who were the same students tested (in grade 7) the year before
 - Particular questions on how they managed last 8-12 months:
 - ~20% felt they had less anxiety and less stress
 - More predictability? More time at home with parents? Time with peers at lunch?
 - What did they miss the most? 80% missed fieldtrips
 - Connection with peers.
 - Interim reports will be out at the end of October
 - This will be a page instead of student and parent 3-way conferences with the teacher
 - There will be 1-2 days for the teacher to have interviews with the parent via Zoom/Teams
 - Student presentations starting in November
 - Children of the Street (see childrenofthestreet.com for more information)
 - Parent night – 1 evening at start of November
 - We are in the middle of FSA's for grade 8's
 - There will be immunizations for Grade 6/7's
 - There is a Pro-D Day next Friday; teachers will be doing presentations virtually but in house (at the school)
 - Hallowe'en – there will not be a Tunnel of Terror, nor any school-wide activity; there will be Some sort of costume or Hallowe'en activity on Oct 29ths
 - There is an order for T-shirts for the new grade 6's and new students which should arrive soon (end of October); thank you Ms Chen
 - Members of the district came to the library to learn about the resources we have:
 - Moveable book shelves, learning opportunities
 - Regarding reading assessments – Admin will be in contact with the parent if there are any concerns
- Kirsten:
 - We had the 1st day outdoor club, today; we took out the annuals today with Mr. McConville
 - There were 10-15 kids in pouring rain
 - Calendar is updated as best as it can be
 - Early dismissal on Nov 2/3 @ 1:45pm

- Want more low vocabulary and higher interest books (at grade level)
 - Hope to get books with points through scholastic to this end
- Happy Thanksgiving!

6. Treasurer Report & Budget 2021-22 – Shannon

- No change –
- We have not yet received gaming grant, but no one else has either; it is expected in the next 2 weeks
- Goal is to spend as much as we can in the year for that year of students
- There is a wish list for each pod and money is allocated per classroom
- There is a small budget for ambassadors for posters, etc, famine breakfast, RAC, Minecraft club
- Reminder to teachers to start spending the money
- Carryover of \$1500
- \$600 to each of the exploration teachers (not part of the gaming fund)
- We are still stalling on Hot lunches
- There will be no Hallowe'en Tunnel of Terror fundraiser
- There may be the Christmas market
- Other funding potential asks:
 - Some type of upgrade on the sound in the gym: It has not progressed. 5 kids deaf/hard of hearing and the microphone system needs fixing
 - Gravel space by basketball courts: We want it paved, but that is on hold until fences come down. Will cost ~\$10k
 - Mural in gym: Thunderbirds
- If any specific questions, please email 110-PAC@sd43.bc.ca

7. DPAC Report:

- PAC 101 session: How to make PAC better; how to get people involved
 - Takeaway: How valuable our bylaws are; ours need adjustment. Maybe we will have time this year! Pls everyone, take a look at the bylaws. If something does not make sense, bring it to PAC
- Next meeting is October 27th via zoom. Every parent is invited; the meeting is very valuable to attend!
 - Guest Josh Keller: Planning for post-secondary education
 - Marvin Klassen: Looking ahead, reconnecting with our community
- To connect to DPAC, go to EMM PAC page for links

8. Events

- Winter Market will likely move ahead
 - Parents will need to pre-purchase tickets and the then kids come down in their teams to participate in stations that volunteers will be manning
 - Stations include premade gifts, foods, making gifts

- Shopping and preparation for Christmas
- May need to be change; maybe smaller groups with more days? So that we have the same spirit
- Adhere to rules around eating and number of kids in the gym at any one time
- First 2 steps:
 - Choosing dates: Maybe for last week of school before Christmas
 - Finding people to spearhead the event (2 people min) - Diane and Lisa will share knowledge
- We will need organizers and helpers at the event – Yerika volunteers on chat
- We are hopeful that parents will be excited to get going with this after 2yrs since our last winter market!
 - Need 8-10 parents to take on stations, 8-10 parents to buy the materials for the station; it really is a team thing! It's a very exciting time for the whole school
- We will need a COVID discussion

- MunchaLunch:

- Tentatively ONLY that we are TRYING for January
 - First we need someone to coordinate MunchaLunch:
 - Setting dates, putting it on website, coordinate volunteers, make the menu

9. Other Business

- Erin had an idea of a coffee fundraiser – it is a company online that you can name located in Maple Ridge
- Tru Earth – Online fundraiser- they ship anywhere, 20% back to school
- Confirmed with the Anmore Mayor that it is 50/50 split between school and village for speed regulation signs
 - There are avenues to push it through ICBC and police such that PAC is not responsible for paying – Nicole to get updates from Aspenwood.
- October 26th is the date for Anmore Green Estates (AGE) to pass the bylaw to get the work done
 - If parent representation is there – that could add weight
 - Advertise it on our Facebook page
- Volunteers will be required to be double vaccinated for events at the school and show proof
- Volunteers who do not show proof of vaccination will be welcomed and needed for volunteer activities remotely!

10. Adjournment

- Lisa C motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:28pm; Shannon seconded the motion; all were in favour. The motion carried.
- The next meeting is November 9th, 2021